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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Stam et al.

APPLICATION NO: 10/714,995

FILED: November 17, 2003

FOR: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES FROM DROSOPHILA MELANOGASTER THAT
ENCODE PROTEINS ESSENTIAL FOR VIABILITY AND USES THEREOF

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STATUS INQUIRY FOR OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT

ATTN: Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE)

No communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on the above-identified application since it was filed on November 17, 2003. Specifically, Applicant has not yet received a copy of the Official Filing Receipt.

Applicant inquired about the status of the Official Filing Receipt in early June 2005. Applicant was informed by OIPE that the Official Filing Receipt would issue in seven to ten business days. Applicant did not receive the Official Filing Receipt within the specified time period. Accordingly, Applicant made a follow-up inquiry to OIPE on July 29, 2005 and was informed that the Official Filing Receipt would issue within seven business days. Applicant also faxed a Status Inquiry to OIPE on August 4, 2005 for the Filing Receipt. Applicant was informed on October 26, 2005 by OIPE that the faxed Status Inquiry for the Filing Receipt was never entered into the file. Thus, Applicant hereby requests status and issuance of the Official Filing Receipt.

Applicant believes there is no fee due for this submission. If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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